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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BARTH-2

In re Application of:)	
RAINER BARTH)	
Appl. No.: 10/659,766)	
Filed: September 10, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 2153
For: METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING MESSAGES OF INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLERS TO PRE-DEFINED RECEIVERS VIA THE INTERNET)	

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in an office action issued by the German Patent Office in a corresponding German patent application no. 102 41 953.1. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 198 48 618 A1	Blumenstock et al.	06-29-2000
B)	Japan	11110248	Iwaki et al.	04-23-1999
C)	Germany	DE 100 06 062 A1	Ollhäuser	08-30-2001

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes a system for remote maintenance and/or diagnosis of an automation system (2), which is provided with an electronic firewall (12). To access the automation system, for instance via the Internet from any computer connected to the Internet, an e-mail message (16) is transmitted to the automation system via a data transmission system (18) with a first transmit/receive device (3) which is disposed at the location of a remote user (1). To this end, an instruction (8) to be executed at the location of the automation system is packaged by an instruction encoder in the e-mail message to be transmitted. At the location of the automation system, a second transmit/receive device (5) is provided to receive the e-mail message sent by the remote user (1). The second transmit/receive device has an instruction decoder (11) to automatically identify the instruction in the e-mail message and forward the instruction to the application (6) for which the instruction is intended.

Reference C) relates to a keyboard code and to a method and device for secure processing and/or transmission of digital data, whereby data inputted in at least one computer system are subjected to a cryptographic process before further use in the computer system. The cryptographic process is applied only when certain, especially safety-relevant data are transmitted, and the inputted data are transmitted by means of access options available by operating system to the code client implemented as software.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

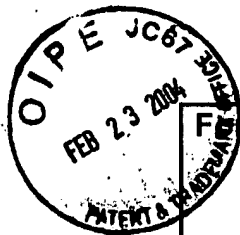
Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	DE 198 48 618 A1	06-29-2000	Germany			no
	JP 11110248	04-23-1999	Japan			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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